

- (2) According to the records of the California State Board of Medical Examiners, an approximate estimate of the number California licentiates who are in military service, reaches the number of 3,600 (approximate figure).
- (3) According to the records of the California State Board of Medical Examiners, an approximate estimate of the number of California licentiates who are neither in military service, nor in active practice in California, is probably about (not available).
- (4) According to the records of the California State Board of Medical Examiners, at the time of the annual accounting for State directory or other purposes, the number of Doctors of Medicine who have been legally licensed in California and who have maintained their right to practice in California through payment of the annual tax, for the following years, was:

Year	Number M.D. Licentiates
1920.....	6,242
1930.....	10,333
1940.....	12,534
1941.....	12,868
1942.....	12,512
1943.....	11,289
1944.....	11,119

The above information deals with statistics that deeply concern the problem of adequate medical practice in our Commonwealth. We will appreciate an early reply.

Thanking you for your coöperation in the above,

Cordially yours,

(Signed) GEORGE H. KRESS, M.D.,
Secretary-Editor.

Concerning a Letter from Students of the University of California Medical School—Re: Maintenance of Standards in Medical Education:

(COPY)

San Francisco, California, April 2, 1945.

To the Editor.—Since we feel that the status of medical education must ever be kept in mind in any consideration of a health program for the State, a number of University of California Medical students have signed a petition stating certain concrete ideas on the subject.

Knowing of your interest in the problem, we are herewith submitting a copy of the petition for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

THE PETITIONING STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA MEDICAL SCHOOL

Petition by the Undersigned Students

Whether we believe the health insurance plans before the Legislature are desirable or not, we do believe that provision must be made for the continuation and improvement of the high standards of medical education and medical care of the University of California and other medical schools. We, therefore, believe that any bill to be considered for passage by the Legislature should include the following points:

1. That the medical schools be represented on the administration.

2. That the clinics of the medical schools be accepted and paid as practicing groups under the act.

3. That all the money for the services rendered by the Clinic of a medical school, be paid as a lump sum to the medical school for the maintenance and improvement of

medical services to the people, medical research, and medical education.

This petition was signed by 106 students of the second, third, and fourth year medical classes. It was submitted to the Governor and State Assembly.

Concerning California Program for Rheumatic Fever:
(COPY)

State of California

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

San Francisco, April 9, 1945.

C. L. Palmer, M.D., Chairman
The Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania
Committee on Public Health Legislation
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Doctor Palmer:

Doctor George H. Kress has referred to this Department your inquiry regarding the California Program for rheumatic fever.

The Program here is limited to a demonstration in two Counties, Solano and Contra Costa in the East Bay area. Referrals to one of the eleven diagnostic clinics are made by practicing physicians, school physicians, public health nurses, etc., and each child is given a careful workup. Children diagnosed as having active rheumatic disease or rheumatic carditis or potential rheumatic carditis, are hospitalized and brought under active treatment and later put under convalescent care as indicated.

The enclosed copy of an article by Doctor Helen Johnson, Director of the clinics, will give you further information.

Sincerely yours,

JESSIE M. BIERMAN, M.D., *Chief
Crippled Children Services*

Books About Doctors Draw Interest at Sacramento City Library

No profession is more exacting than that of a doctor. His work often means long hours of hard work and frequently puts him in strange situations. Very few others have the chance to battle death at such close quarters as he does.

Because of the unusual nature of his job, the doctor who chooses to write a book about his experiences commands more than average attention from the reading public. At the City Library there are many books by members of the medical profession and about them.

Outstanding is the popular American Doctor's Odyssey, by Victor Heiser, which gives a fascinating account of the author's distinguished career in the Philippine Islands, the South Seas, India, and many other foreign lands.

Other books of similar interest at the City Library are: A Surgeon's Fight to Rebuild Men, The First Woman Doctor, A Surgeon's World, A Doctor Comes to California, Ship's Doctor, The Horse and Buggy Doctor, Consultation Room, Test Tubes and Dragon Scales, Frontier Doctor, Doctor in Arabia, Doctor—Here's Your Hat, A Yankee Doctor in Paradise, The Healing Knife, Doctor of the North Country, Fifty Years a Country Doctor, A Woman Surgeon, Hugh Young; a Surgeon's Autobiography, In Search of Complications, The Winds of Circumstance, My Days of Strength, Exploring the Dangerous Trades, I Remember, Doctor at Timberline, and Behind the Surgeon's Mask.—*Sacramento Shopping News.*

America consumes 5,000,000 pounds of camphor annually; factories can produce all of it synthetically.